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PRESS RELEASE

Tose Proeski and USAID Sing for Macedonian Schools

A benefit concert by Tose Proeski, organized together with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is expected to generate approximately \$150,000 in support of educational programs in Macedonia. All the proceeds from the concert will be used to pay for building renovations, new equipment, and educational materials for Macedonian schools. USAID is part of the U.S. Mission in Macedonia.

"USAID is proud that it has been able to contribute to better education in Macedonia. In collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Science, our projects have helped to revolutionize education in this country. We believe that this benefit concert will serve as a powerful reminder that the education of our children is everyone's responsibility. Each of us can make a difference, whether it is through donating some money or items, investing some of our time to help out a school, or volunteering to tutor a child," said Acting USAID Mission Director Michael Eddy.

The star of the concert, Tose Proeski will also recruit other singers representing different ethnic groups to emphasize the importance of coming together for the good of the nation. "I understand the problem. I went to an old school without a gym hall or toilets, and this is how I can help," said the Macedonian pop star.

The concert is organized by the new five-year USAID Primary Education Project (PEP). PEP is working to improve math and science instruction, assessment practices, access to information and communication technology, and is also renovating over 100 schools throughout Macedonia. Though this and other educational programs, USAID has helped local schools offer a higher quality, more relevant education that will make Macedonian youth more competitive in modern economy.

NOTES TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. More than 20 projects worth \$25 million a year are currently being implemented. These projects are designed to support Macedonia's transition to a free market-based, multi-ethnic democracy. They include initiatives to accelerate economic growth, develop democratic institutions, and educate citizens for a modern economy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.